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One of only five honored statewide:

'Teacher of the Year'

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

A second-grade teacher at Bryte Elementary School in West Sacramento learned last week she has been named as one of five California "teachers of the year."

"I just love working with kids and seeing the joy in their faces when they accomplish something," said Imamoto.

The 32-year old Davis resident has taught at Bryte for ten years if you include one year spent there as a student teacher. A Hawaii native, she came to Southern California to go to college, and had an altogether different career in mind when the teaching bug caught hold of her. She now sees teaching as her career.

"I started out in college in engineering – I was going to be an architect," she related. "In my third year of college, I decided that wasn't for me. I decided to take another class or two in education, to see if I liked it, and it seemed so easy because I enjoyed the work. So I graduated with a degree in child development."

Imamoto is probably best known for her enthusiasm in teaching writing, and in teaching how to teach writing. Ironically, she believes she may be good at that stuff because she herself isn't a "natural writer."

"I don't consider myself a writer," she commented. "Maybe that's why I'm good at teaching writing. I have to study it in order to learn how to do it. I love teaching writing, and teaching how to teach it. I work with the Area Three Writing Project, which is one of 17 writing projects in California and is part of a national program. I go out to schools or districts and put on a workshop for teachers on how to teach writing."

In her class of second-graders, too, Imamoto stresses writing.

"You have to make it fun," she said. "If you make learning fun, it is easy for the kids to buy into it. And if it's purposeful, the kids will try hard."

Because kids will put effort into writing "if there's a purpose and an audience," she said, Imamoto now has her students write her class newsletter.

"Every month, my students write the newsletter for parents to read," she related. "I used to write it and the parents never read it and the kids never read it. I thought, 'what a waste of time.' Then I thought, 'What if the kids write it?', and sure enough, now not only the parents read it but other relatives of the kids read it. If you look at our newsletter, it's not perfect, but the kids are practicing their skills and working hard at it."

Imamoto believes that she was nominated for the state "Teacher of the Year" honors by her principal and an assistant superintendent, and said the application process involved a 13-page paper "that was probably the hardest thing I've done in my entire life." The process also involved a visit by three former teachers of the year to her classroom to watch Imamoto in action, and an interview in the state department of education.

She thinks she was probably singled out for her work in the field of teaching writing, but said she also really enjoys working with student teachers.

"I have realized I have a passion not only for helping kids but for helping teachers," said Imamoto.

Imamoto said she feels Washington Unified School District is "moving in the right direction," and gives a lot of credit to her colleagues for helping her to do her job.

"If it wasn't for the support of the teachers and the school here, and the Area Three Writing Project teachers, I wouldn't be the teacher I am today," she said flatly.

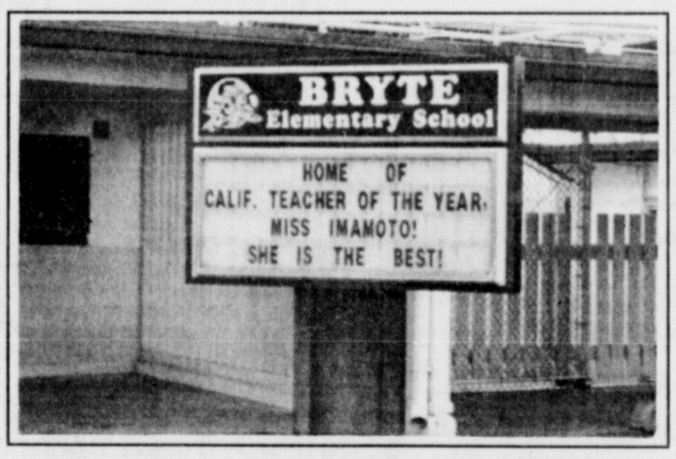
Imamoto will receive her award in a state ceremony January 6.

Does a cash prize come along with the obligatory plaque?

"You're not the first one to ask me that, but I honestly don't know," responded Imamoto. "When you get into teaching, you don't get involved for that kind of reward!"

DAWN IMAMOTO
Second-grade teacher at West Sacramento's Bryte Elementary School in the city's northwest

BELOW: campus pride



"If you make learning fun, it is easy for the kids to buy into it. And if it's purposeful, the kids will try hard."
-- DAWN IMAMOTO

Port of Sacramento:

Fargo, Cabaldon, to take governing seats

The Port of Sacramento announced Monday that the mayors of Sacramento and West Sacramento will both take seats on the port's governing commission effective January 1.

Sacramento Mayor Heather Fargo will replace Frank Herrera, who had previously been appointed to represent that city on the port commission.

West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon will replace Rudy Martinez on the commission.

Commission chairman Mike McGowan told the News-Ledger last week that the impending change could "elevate attention paid to the port" by its governmental bosses in Sacramento and Yolo.

Putting a dent in hunger

West Sacramento's city council has declared the week of December 7 as "Holidays Without Hunger Week," encouraging citizens, groups and businesses to make donations to local charities that provide food and toys to neighbors in need.

Above, Council member Carolyn Castillo Pierson presents the council proclamation to David Stroud, who is among the volunteers involved in the West Sacramento Christmas Basket Project. That organization annually distributes about 1,000 holiday food baskets to local families in December.

Many local churches, businesses and civic organizations participate in the West Sacramento Christmas Basket Project. For information on how to help out with the project's food and toy drive, or how to receive a holiday basket, call 372-3360 or 373-5819. See also the related 'Local Scene' item on the back page of this newspaper for more information.

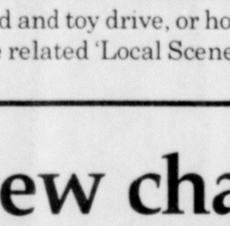
New charges against accused former Evergreen teacher

The West Sacramento Police Department announced yesterday that an arrest warrant for 15 more counts of "lewd acts with a child under the age of 14" was issued for former Evergreen Elementary School teacher Richard Kennedy.

Kennedy was both arrested and removed from the classroom earlier this school year after an accusation of inappropriately touching a female student in his classroom. West Sacramento Police Detective Amy Weirich said yesterday that five more possible victims were found in the ensuing investigation.

Kennedy was arrested on the new charges, related to the alleged new victims, when he attended a court hearing related to his previous arrest. Weirich said that bail was set at $250,000, and that Kennedy remained in custody as of yesterday morning.

Chief: on leave



Chief Gary Leonard

West Sacramento Police Chief Gary Leonard may be in the process of retirement.

"Right at this point, it's an unresolved matter," said Toby Ross, City Manager of West Sacramento. Ross said that Leonard is on medical leave for an ongoing concern, but referred further questions to Leonard himself.

Chief Leonard could not be reached for comment.

The police department's deputy chief, Tom Hoffman, is currently "acting chief" at the department.

Leonard came to West Sacramento to accept the "top cop" job in October, 1999.

Correction

A reader reports that a News-Ledger caption last week underneath a photo of an old, retired fire engine was incorrect. The "Old Mary" engine was originally assembled by volunteers for use in the West Sacramento Fire Department and not for use in the Washington Fire Department, she reports.

The News-Ledger did not confirm these details.

Permanent solution is no fix for temporary problem

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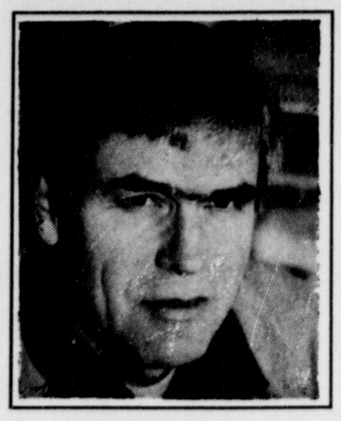


By Daryl Fisher

Note: Last week I received a very nice phone call from a longtime reader of this column who has a friend who gets quite depressed during the holiday season (which is apparently a rather common occurrence). She asked if I would please re-run the following column sometime before Christmas, which I wrote a few years back about how permanent solutions should never be the answer to temporary problems, and I am glad to do so:

A few weeks ago, another famous rock and roll singer decided to take his own life. His name was Michael Hutchence and he was a member of INXS (pronounced "in excess"), a chart-topping Australian band which I of course never knew even existed.

"He was really big a couple of years ago," my daughter mumbled to me as she and a couple of her friends sat glued to my television set watching a detailed news report on the young man's funeral. "Everyone was listening to his music back then."

"So he committed suicide?" I asked my daughter.

When she didn't answer right away, one of her friends decided to help me out and said, "Yeah, about a week ago." Then she shook her head in disbelief and added, "It's just so sad. He was only in his thirties. And he had a beautiful wife and a one-year-old baby daughter, too."

"Then why did he kill himself?" I asked with interest, figuring it was a perfectly appropriate question to throw into the conversation.

"Who knows what kind of pain he was in," said another one of my daughter's friends, no doubt believing that should be explanation enough, especially for someone who was involved in the deepest and most complex of all human endeavors -- the making of rock and roll music.

The news reporter went on to say that Mr. Hutchence had died from asphyxiation and was found hanging from a leather belt in his room at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Sydney, Australia. His band was apparently getting ready to begin a tour which was going to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the birth of INXS.

I leaned over towards my daughter and whispered, "That band has been around for twenty years? I wonder why I've never heard of it before?"

Knowing that my musical taste begins and ends with Bob Dylan, my daughter took a deep breath, ignored my question and pointed me back towards the television set, where the reporter was now interviewing another member of INXS, who was pleading with admirers of Mr. Hutchence not to react in any way which might harm themselves. Apparently some distressed fan had already tried to jump off the balcony of St. Andrew's Anglican Cathedral, where the funeral services were held.

"That's sure a stupid thing to do," I said to no one in particular.

"What's stupid?" asked my daughter.

"To kill yourself," I answered. "Nobody should ever use a permanent solution to solve a temporary problem."

"Who said that?" asked my daughter, knowing full-well that her father couldn't have possibly come up with such a profound insight himself.

"I really can't remember," I admitted, "but it's very true. Things almost always get better, especially when you're young, and there's simply nothing more stupid than taking your own life."

"What I can't believe," suddenly interjected one of my daughter's friends, "is that he hung himself. Wow, what a horrible way to go."

"I know I sure couldn't do that," said my daughter's other friend. "Pills maybe, but no way am I jumping off a chair with a rope tied around my neck."

And then, before I knew it, everyone in the room was in a heated discussion, not about the pros and cons of suicide, but about appropriate and inappropriate ways to get the deed done. Guns were quickly ruled out -- much too messy. Knives weren't a viable option, either -- too painful. And breathing gasoline fumes inside a locked garage wouldn't work -- too barfy. Dr. Kevorkian was even discussed, but no one wanted his ugly mug to be the last face they saw on this earth. Finally, one of the girls turned to me and said, "How about you, Mr. Fisher? How would you go about committing suicide?"

Hoping to take one final crack at getting that profound "temporary problems never require permanent solutions" point across, I put on my most serious expression and said, "Well, I think I would march myself down to the Sacramento River, climb up to the very top of the new West Sacramento Money Store building, and throw myself off."

"But wait a minute," said the very discerning young lady who had asked me the question, "you can't kill yourself by jumping off the Money Store building -- it's a pyramid. You'd just end up sliding on your butt down one of the sides."

"Please try to forgive my father," said my daughter with emphasis to her friends. "He's under this illusion that he's funny."

"And profound, too," I quickly added.

In local government

The public is invited to two workshops on **traffic safety on Park Blvd.** Each will be held from 5-8 p.m. at the West Sacramento Civic Center. The first will be held on Monday, Dec. 8, and the second on Thursday, Dec. 18.

The city is considering implementing measures such as reducing the number of lanes on Park Blvd. and adding bike lanes. For more information on the workshops, call city traffic engineer David Yatabe, 617-4645.

Tonight's city council meeting will include a workshop on the **Lower Northwest Interceptor Project**, proposed to bring a sewage line through West Sacramento. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the civic center. Included will be a discussion of the project's right-of-way and tree mitigation issues, as well as the annexation of the city into the Sacramento regional sewer district.

For more information, call the city manager's office, 617-4500.

Assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will arrive Dec. 6 to begin examining the **Yolo County Communications Emergency Services Agency** with an eye towards possible accreditation.

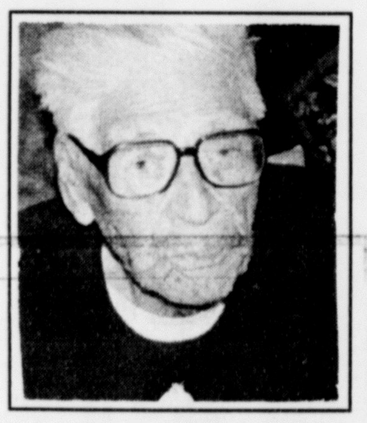
The process includes an invitation for input from employees and the public. You may offer comments on the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards by calling (530) 666-8938 between 1-5 p.m. on Sun., Dec. 7, when comments will be accepted by the accreditation team. Comments are limited to 10 minutes. A copy of CALEA's standards is available for reviewing at the county agency's business office. Call Marianne Wolf, (530) 666-8910.

Comments may also be mailed to CALEA, 10302 Eaton Place, Suite 100, Fairfax, VA 22030-2215.

The **West Sacramento City Council** will meet in public session at 7 p.m. tonight at the civic center, 1110 West Capitol Avenue. Among the agenda items:

Zoning change for 74 acres at Riverpoint; proclamation honoring Jim Setbacken for service on EDAC; amendments to the Municipal Code; vacating the public easement at 1271 West Capitol Ave. (for future use as senior center and county library); development agreement for Newport Estates; workshop on the Lower Northwest Interceptor Project and city annexation into Sacramento's sewage district; special tax district at River Ranch; and discussion of a new ordinance involving a child care development fee for developers.

Happy 100th



Timoteo (Jose) Ybarra Garcia will turn 100 years old on December 19, 2003. He is originally from Las Cruces, Jaslisco, and came to the United States in 1922. He was employed by a family in Davis for four generations and presently resides in Woodland.

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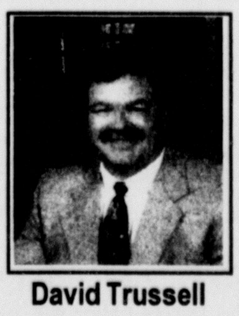

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SPORTS

Raider basketball squad loses in tight, exciting game

By Troy Turner

The River City High School boys basketball team hosted the West Campus Warriors on 11/25 and came up short in a thrilling game, 60-59. River City came into the contest with a 1-0 record and West Campus was playing their first game of the season.

The opening quarter saw both teams trading baskets and at the end of the period the score was tied at 13-13. During the early part of the second quarter the Raiders built an eight point lead but the Warriors closed the gap and at halftime, the Raiders led 32-28. Aaron Garner and Cameron Hughes combined to score 20 of the Raider's 32 first half points.

At the beginning of the third period, the Raiders scored the first seven points to take a 39-28 lead. The Warriors then used a full court press to cause Raider turnovers, which got them back into the game, and as the quarter ended, River City held a slim 43-41 lead.

As the fourth period started, the Warriors made a basket to tie the score 43-43, and with 1:10 left in the game, the Raiders had a three point lead, 59-56. The Warriors then made two baskets to regain the lead, 60-59, with only ten seconds left in the game. The Raiders had one last chance and Cameron Hughes took a shot that missed, but Sou Saetern got the rebound and attempted one final shot, which bounced off the rim.

River City may get a chance to redeem themselves as they are invited to the West Campus Tournament to be held later this month. Aaron Garner led the team in scoring with 17 points. Cameron Hughes added 15 points and Andrew Arreola scored 11 points. The Raiders next travel to Jackson to play in the Argonant Tournament.

SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa

NFL Action

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving dinners on Thursday because 49ers and Raiders played like turkeys on Sunday. The 49ers were baked in Baltimore while Denver stuffed the Raiders at the Oakland Coliseum.

Jeff Garcia returned to the 49ers (5-7) starting line up after missing three games with a badly sprained ankle and played his worst game as a professional football player. Garcia threw four interceptions and directed the Niners offensive to two field goals while the Ravens racked up 44 points. Garcia, who completed only 14 of his 29 passes for 112 yards, will start next week against the Cardinals.

The 49ers have not won a road game this season and dating back to their two road losses at the end of last season that makes 8 consecutive road losses!

Lucky the 49ers (+9 ½) are at home next Sunday against Arizona (3-9) but remember the Niners did manage to lose to Arizona on the road.

The 49ers are still mathematically alive for a playoff spot but they still have to play the Eagles and the red hot Bengals on the road. The 49ers also received some bad news on the knee injury to Garrison Hearst. Hearst will miss at least a couple of weeks with a meniscus tear in his right knee.

Meanwhile in Oakland the Raiders (3-9) were shooting themselves in the foot while failing to score a touchdown in their 22-8 loss to the Broncos. The Raiders had another game with more than 10 penalties. The NFL's most-penalized team had 11 more, leaving them with 112 in 12 games. Coach Callahan finally blew a gasket after another error filled Raiders loss on Sunday. He was quoted saying "We've got to be the dumbest team in America in terms of playing the game". Now does that sound like a man in control of his team! Callahan will probably be joining 49ers Coach Dennis Erickson in the unemployment line in January.

To top it off the Silver and Black had three lost fumbles, one each by Tyrone Wheatley, Jerry Porter and Rick Mirer. This was the Raiders first game without a touchdown since a 16-3 loss to Baltimore in the AFC championship game in January 2001. Next up for the Silver and Black will be a televised game next Sunday (10 a.m.-ch.13) in Pittsburgh.

After a week vacation here are my NFL picks for week 14. I like the 49ers to blow out the Cardinals (-9 ½) while the N.Y. Giants (+3) finally win at home against the Redskins and the Vikings (+1 ½) will cage the Seahawks in Minnesota. On Monday night I like the Browns (+ 4) who will be fighting for their playoff lives against the Rams in Cleveland.

Kings Korner

Sacramento won its 10th home game in as many tries this season with a 105-92 decision over the New Jersey Nets last Sunday. The Kings (12-4) led by as many as 32 points while winning their eighth straight game overall. Stojakovic had game-high 25 points. He made 9 of 16 from the field, including 4 of 7 from three-point range. Brad Miller continues to prove he's one of the best centers in the NBA scoring 20 points grabbed 11 rebounds, five assists and two steals. The Kings will enjoy four days off before they host the Minnesota Timberwolves on Friday night (7:30 ?ESPN) and the Indiana Pacers on Sunday, December 7th (6:00 p.m.) at the friendly confines of the Arco Arena.

See ya next week!

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. HISTORY: Which English king broke away from the Catholic Church?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What country is known as the Hellenic Republic?
3. MOVIES: When was the film "Cool Hand Luke" released?
4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When was the first Nobel Peace Prize awarded?
5. MYTHOLOGY: In Roman mythology, what was a name for the world of the dead?
6. MUSIC: What singer was known as "the Swedish Nightingale"?
7. GOVERNMENT: Who became chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court in 1986?
8. LITERATURE: Writer Alice Munro is a native of what nation?
9. LANGUAGE: What is roe?
10. NATURAL WORLD: What is the world's largest living organism?

Answers

1. Henry VIII
2. Greece
3. 1967
4. 1901
5. Orcus
6. Jenny Lind
7. William Rehnquist
8. Canada
9. Fish eggs
10. Great Barrier Reef

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Never let your sense of morals prevent you from doing what is right.
—Isaac Asimov

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Rumor travels faster, but it don't stay put as long as truth.
—Will Rogers

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Sports QUIZ

by Chris Richcreek

1. What team holds the National League record for most runs in an inning?
2. Who was the last Philadelphia Phillies pitcher before Kevin Millwood in 2003 to toss a complete-game no-hitter?
3. Who was the youngest Big Ten football player to have a 100-yard rushing game?
4. Who was the first NBA player to win the Most Improved and Sixth Man awards in the same season?
5. During the 2002-03 season, who led the NHL in assists?
6. Who was the youngest swimmer to win an Olympic gold medal?
7. Entering 2003, when was the last time Nick Faldo won a PGA event?

Answers on back page

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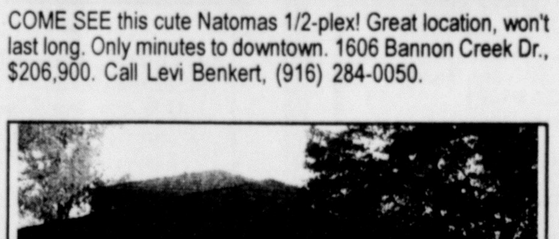
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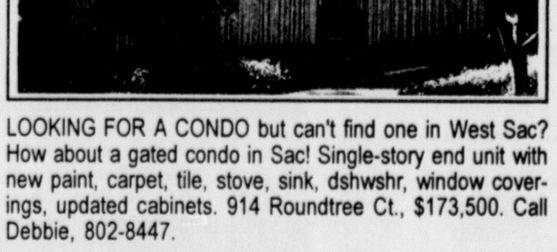
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Events around the region

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Storytellers performance

The Sacramento Storytellers Guild will hold "Winter Tales", a storytelling performance, on December 11th at 7:30 p.m. at the Hart Center, 27th and J Streets in Sacramento. Donations are accepted. For more information, call 863-1121.

Wildlife refuge open

The Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, located off Elk Grove Boulevard, will be open December 13th and 27th for self-guided hikes to the wildlife viewing platform, where you'll see birds of prey hunting in the seasonal wetlands. Bring binoculars and sturdy shoes. For more information, call 775-4420.

AIDS Quilt on display

The Names Project AIDS Quilt will be on display on December 1-7 at the County Fair Mall in Woodland. The Yolo County Health Department is sponsoring the event. It is estimated that over 5000 people are living with HIV/AIDS in the greater Sacramento area and over 1500 residents have lost their lives to the disease. For further information on the Quilt display or HIV/AIDS education, prevention, testing and treatment, call Sue at 530-406-4905.

White Christmas in Old Town Sacramento

Old Sacramento has made an exclusive arrangement with Mother Nature for a snow filled historic district from December 9-23. Snow will fall nightly on select streets from 5-9 p.m. Come see the wonders of winter and capture the magic of the season.

Toys for Tots

Toys for Tots will be at the Sacramento Zoo from November 28th to December 21st. Bring one new, unwrapped toy and receive free admission to the zoo for one child. The Sacramento Zoo is located near the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in William Land Park and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Holidays at Governor's Mansion

This year celebrate the holidays by visiting the Governor's Mansion State Historic Park. On the weekends of December 6-7 and 13-14, enjoy live holiday music, take a photo with Santa, and docents will also be on hand to answer your questions. The park is located at the corner of 16th and H Street in downtown Sacramento. For admission prices and more information, call 323-3047.

Folsom history exhibit

The Folsom History Museum newest exhibit, "Main Street USA; Shopkeepers from the Past", will be on display through February 22, 2003. The museum is located at 823 Sutter Street and is open Wed-Sun from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is $2.

Alzheimer's society meets

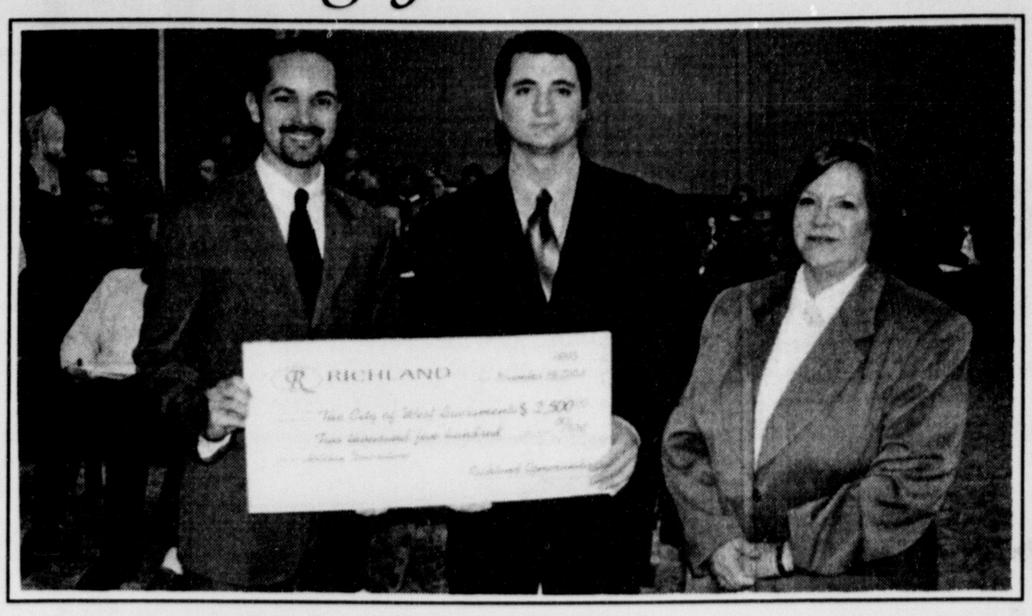
The Alzheimer's Aid Society of Northern California Support Group for the Memory Impaired will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday in November at 10:30 a.m. at the Alzheimer's Aid Society Office, 2641 Cottage Way, Suite #4 in Sacramento. For more information on other related groups and meetings, call 448-7001.

Widowed persons meet

The Widowed Persons Association of California encourages widowed men and women to come to Sunday Support get-togethers each Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at the Widowed Persons Association office, at 2628 El Camino Avenue, Suite D-18.

Activities include bowling, brown bag opera, needle and thread, breakfasts, dinners, golf, card games, dancing and traveling. For more information, call 972-9722.

Decorating your streets



New holiday decorations will adorn West Capitol Avenue and the downtown business district this year. The city-funded decoration program received a $2,500 boost from local developer Richland Communities, Inc. Above is Mayor Christopher Cabaldon (left), receiving the ceremonial check from Richland Project Manager Clifton Taylor. Next to Taylor is Kay Fenrich, Executive Director of the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce.

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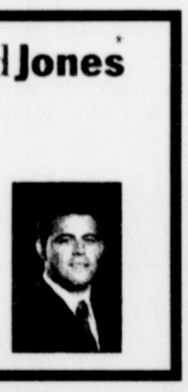

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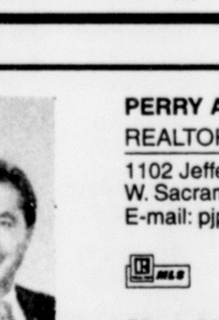

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the property described below will be sold as is at public sale on December 17, 2003 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at Space 65, Westwind Estates located at 1399 Sacramento Avenue, West Sacramento, California in order to satisfy the lien claimed by the owner of the above mentioned mobilehome park for storage and other related charges incurred by Richard E. Paulsen, Sr. and Michelle Brown. The sale will be free and clear of all claims, liens and encumbrances of record except for the possible liens of unpaid mobilehome registration fees and unpaid taxes, if any. The Creditor reserves the right to require the removal of the unit from the Westwind Estates within 48 hours after the sale. In the event that this right is not exercised, prospective purchasers who desire to reside in the unit on-site are cautioned to be familiar with California Civil Code Section 798.74 and 798.75. Prospective purchasers must tender a cashier's check for the full amount of the purchase immediately at the conclusion of the sale. Except for the warranty that this sale is authorized by law, absolutely no warranties of sale are made. The park reserves the right to postpone and reschedule the sale without further notice. The general public will have access to the Mobilehome Park premises for purposes related to this sale.

A description of the property to be sold is:

One (1) 1985 Skyline Homes Sunwood Single Family Mobilehome; California HCD Decal No.: LAK6865; Serial Nos.: 31700221VB & 31700221VA; HUD Label/Insignia Nos.: 314517 and 314518; Length: 48'; Width: 24'.

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DATED: 11/24/03
/s/Michael W. Mihelich
Attorney for Westwind Estates
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LETTERS from page seven

In support of the new school superintendent

There is a question about the choice W.U.S.D. in West Sacramento made about a new superintendent. The (Sacramento Bee) editorial board asked the mayor and the chamber of commerce; however, they failed to ask a single board member, teacher, administrator, or classified employee about the choice. One side like usual from the Bee.

Two-years ago we conducted a full superintendent search. We received 32 packages from qualified candidates. We narrowed the list down to the six most qualified for a round of interviews with both community leaders and the school board, which included four of the current five members.

The board chose the candidate that we felt was best; however, both the community and the school board were impressed with other candidates, including Patrick Campbell. Since that time things have changed, people have changed and the district has changed. During the past two years, Patrick Campbell has demonstrated his leadership skills through his work in continuing the implementation of improvements that began five-years ago. Moreover, he has been instrumental in mending the ties that have been frayed in the past couple of years. These ties were frayed by the mayor, Christopher Cabaldon, with his continuous unfounded attacks on the school district, and by a few members of the community, who seem to have their own agenda. An examination of the growth in test scores, the financial records, and the morale of employees, provides the evidence of the improvements that are occurring.

Since the previous superintendent's resignation occurred late in the school year, there was no chance to put together a proper search prior to school beginning this year. We developed the process, we listened to the community, staff, teachers, former Assembly Member Helen Thomson and, yes, we even listened to the Sacramento Bee. The suggestions of all interested groups had many concurring themes; take time, listen, look internally, and update your vision before acting.

After careful deliberation the school board unanimously chose Patrick Campbell as our superintendent. We are confident he will bring about the necessary internal changes in our high school, lead us in the construction of a new high school, and pass a bond for our new high school; and we are confident he will continue the reforms to the pre-K thru 8th grade schools in the district.

Patrick Campbell is the right person for the job. He has the confidence of the school board and the district staff. We, the board, will keep doing our job of providing the vision for the district and insuring that the leadership of the district is following through on that vision.

We want to open the new high school in the fall of 2006. In order to do this, the people of West Sacramento need to vote to pass the bond measure in March 2004. This requires stability in the leadership of the district, and Patrick Campbell provides that stability. He has the support of the school board and the school district staff. We welcome all others to join and support Patrick Campbell and the visionary changes that are being made. Anyone that really wants to show their support will support our bond issue on the March ballot.

Together, we can, and will, build a new high school to serve all the students of the Washington Unified School District.

KARL MACHSCHEFES
WUSD Board Vice President

Doesn't like being "guided"

I attended the City Council meeting two weeks ago which was supposed to hear our thoughts and feelings on the use of the Old (60's) Bryte Firehouse, but was informed upon arrival that we were rescheduled for the December 3rd meeting. Now I just received a letter from Community Services Superintendent Andre Pichly regarding the thirty questionnaires sent to nearby residents of "the Old Bryte Firehouse" (a.k.a. "it"). He noted that out of the 30 sent out, 25 were returned to them with the following results. It read as follows: "Twelve (12) indicated a preference to demolish it and leave the lot vacant. Another 12 would like to see the City lease it to Northern California Construction and Training (N.C.C.T.). One (1) person would like it to be left as a storage facility for the City and to make no further improvements to the structure or property." The letter went on to indicate that, awaiting further consultation with N.C.C.T., the December 3rd presentation to the City Council, and our remarks, would not proceed until further notice.

I wondered where my response (and that of my neighbors who live directly across the street from me, who are even more impacted by this than I) was interpreted into the final unbiased results of this survey. I had noted, in numerical order, my preferences as follows: One (1) would be tear down the "Old" firehouse, and then, in the comments section, rezone the property for a Single Family Residence only -- not a condo, not apartments, or section eight housing. (Which, by the way, after further research, is legal under both California and federal law.) Two (2) was to leave it as it now stands and continue it's use as a storage facility for the City. Three (3) would be to lease said property to N.C.C.T. as proposed. If one compares my preferences (and that of my neighbors) with the three choices allowed for on the questionnaires sent out (even with room for comments included in the questionnaire) there seems to be no room for any indication of responses, other than those three questions that were directly asked, in the follow up letter. I do not take kindly to that certain feeling of being "guided" into a predetermined decision by anyone, especially the government.

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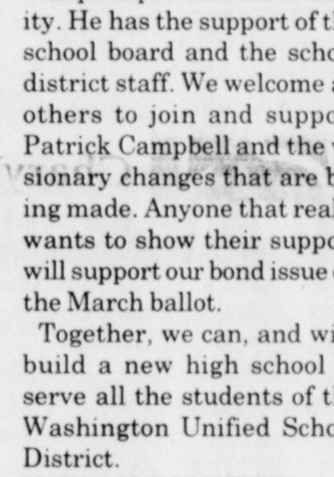

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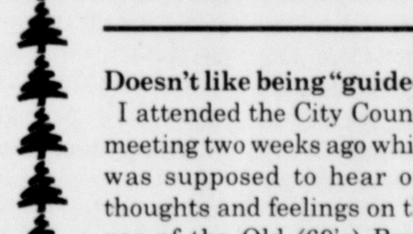

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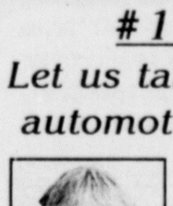

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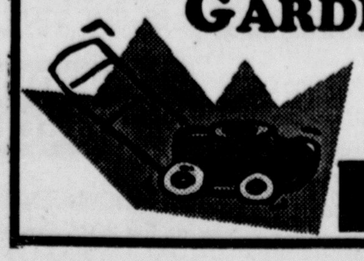

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COOKIES IN A JAR
Makes 4 Jars Mix

2¾ cups all-purpose flour
2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking soda
2 cups firmly packed brown sugar
1 cup granulated sugar
2 cups solid vegetable shortening
6 cups Quaker oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
4 (1 quart *each*) clear, unbreakable plastic jars
2 cups *each*: dried cranberries* and chopped walnuts
**** Chocolate chips may be substituted for cranberries***

In large bowl, combine flour, salt and baking soda. Add sugars; mix well. Cut in shortening with two knives until crumbly. Stir in oats. In 1-quart jar, layer 1⅓ cups cookie mix, ½ cup cranberries, 1 cup cookie mix, ½ cup nuts and 1 cup cookie mix. Seal jar tightly with lid. Repeat using remaining mix, cranberries and nuts to fill 3 more jars.

Add gift tags with the following directions:

TO PREPARE COOKIES: Heat oven to 350°F. In large bowl, combine **1 egg, ¼ cup water** and **1 tsp. vanilla;** mix well. Add entire contents of **1 jar of *Cookies in a Jar***; stir with fork until stiff dough forms. Drop by rounded tablespoonfuls onto greased cookie sheets. Bake 13 to 16 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool 1 minute on cookie sheets; remove to wire racks. Cool completely. Store tightly covered. Makes 2½ dozen.

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OPINION

YOUR TURN: Letters to the Editor

WUSD unfairly attacked

We would like to respond to the negative comments Mr. Marschke wrote regarding the Washington Unified School District newsletter in last week's edition of the *News-Ledger*.

The district receives numerous requests on a daily basis for information about our schools and programs and in response, the newsletter was developed to inform all West Sacramentans, longtime residents and ones new to the area, about the school district. It was not intended as a "commercial" as Mr. Marschke wrote, but as a positive picture of our school district, one that the community unfortunately does not receive from this newspaper.

Whatever Mr. Marschke's agenda, instead of seeing the good of the newsletter he has chosen to nit pick his way through it pointing out all the negatives. Yes, we realize that an error was made in including the board member quote; it was unintentional and will not happen again. But how about a little optimism? For example, an article in the newsletter told of one of our teachers, Dawn Imamoto, who had been nominated as California Teacher of the Year. After the newsletter had gone to print, the district learned that she was chosen to receive this honor! This is a huge award for Ms. Imamoto and our district, but the *News-Ledger* instead chose to dwell on the negatives.

The district has had a lot of positive feedback from the newsletter. Parents thanking us for supplying them with a list of important phone numbers, developers who are grateful to have information to hand out to prospective homebuyers, and newspapers who think it was a great and positive idea to publicize the things that are happening in our district. It's refreshing to have someone look at the positive side for a change.

LUANN WATKINS & JULIE VIERRA
WUSD Employees
West Sacramento Residents

Shut down city hall

Recently one of our elected officials stated that due to the shortfall in funds we would have to cut services to the police and fire departments. Instead of laying off cops and fire fighters, why not do what the Mayor of Anchorage, Alaska, is going to do, and just shut down city hall until the shortfall is over?

They can't save the golf course, but can buy a railroad and now want to buy the Port, so we could without them for a while anyway.

BOB COLE
West Sacramento

We need a new School Board

The School Board has continued its tradition of arrogant, "control-freak" decisions by signing Patrick Campbell to a three-year contract as district superintendent. Mr. Campbell seems to be a nice person, but he is not what the district needs. The Board chose him because he is their proven "yes-man" and they are determined to maintain total control over operations.

The current WUSD School Board has a deplorable history of saying one thing and doing another, and the selection of Campbell is yet another case in point. What happened to the nationwide search for a truly qualified new superintendent that the School Board promised the City Council and the business community? Don't they understand that being less than truthful with the citizens of West Sacramento ultimately has repercussions?

Since the School Board intends another foolish quest to pass a huge bond measure for a new high school, I would like to request an independent audit of WUSD finances to be made public. Perhaps the city council can get involved. We need to document the waste and mismanagement in our school district and force the election of a new School Board. We've had a large increase in population. Surely we can find a few educated, innovative citizens willing to give our city a honest and new vision in public education.

The current School Board and their superintendent equal a "No" vote on all future bond measures.

SHARI BAELFYR
West Sacramento

Park Boulevard traffic plan questioned

I just received a letter from the City of West Sacramento about the potential changes on Park Boulevard. It had three sheets;

1. Proposed changes and workshop dates.
2. A survey sheet asking, for or against reducing four lanes to two lanes with an added bike path.
3. The sketched out plan for two lanes with added bike paths.

These are not workshops to discuss the "preliminary" plan for changes. I have already talked to Mr. Yatabe for more than two hours about the "preliminary" plan with most of that time spent with his plan in front of us. We discussed the problems that I consider unsafe conditions. He listened, but he seemed not to have any intention of changing anything. It appeared that, to him, these were "permanent" plans to be used by the contractor.

These are the items that I do not believe will increase safety;

1. People backing out of their driveways into the only lane available, on this plan, will have difficulty shifting gears and getting up to speed before any oncoming traffic will be forced to stop to prevent a rear-end accident. It is also a concern that some residents, wanting to avoid this problem, will make a sharp reverse turn putting them into a bike path (which is against the law), endangering people on that bike path until they achieve a speed to safely move into the only lane on the plan. This does not promote safety. It promotes breaking the law and more accidents.

2. Cars entering Park Boulevard from the side streets will have to enter into the only lane available and instantly get up to speed with the vehicles in that lane. You will have no choice (the other lane you have now will be gone). Look at the serious accidents that have occurred at the intersection of Jefferson and Stone boulevards were vehicles have to enter and leave the through lane. They have no choice. This does not promote safety. It promotes more accidents.

3. The bike lanes proposed in this plan are located 18 feet out from the curb, well out into the center of the street and immediately adjacent to the only lane, the through lane, on the plan. When a vehicle is in the center of this lane and passes a biker in the center of the bike lane, they will be within 42 inches of each other (much too close). Vehicles have mirrors so that drivers know what is going on around them. Bikers do not have mirrors. They do not know what is going on behind them so they could take evasive action if necessary. This does not promote safety. This promotes more accidents.

4. Single lanes on Park Boulevard will promote gridlock at the crosswalk at Park Boulevard and Fallbrook in the morning delivery of children to Westmore Oaks School. That area will clear twice as slow as it does now and that will promote more gas consumption, air pollution and irritated drivers. This does not promote safety. This promotes road rage and more accidents.

This city's plan to put children on bikes in the middle of Park Boulevard, and in harm's way to deter speeding, is just plain folly (it was actually said at the 11-19-03 city council meeting that bikers in the middle of Park Boulevard would tend to slow vehicles in the adjacent vehicle lane).

Again, don't think these meetings are workshops about "preliminary" plans. These are the "permanent" plans and they are full of serious problems.

ROD WATSON
West Sacramento

Not a fan of Mayor Cabaldon

Mayor Cabaldon, your obvious lack of respect for other elected officials should be remembered when you come up for re-election. One hopes the voters remember your tactics for progress, as you throw your tantrums if things aren't going your way. You change the rules to fit your way of thinking by using your obvious power over Oscar and Caroline, the two other council members you have in your pocket. They elected you mayor again, and if the people had the direct say, I don't think that would be the case.

Obviously you feel that the city's business is all a bed of roses as you feel it appropriate and have so much time to meddle in the business of the school district and such things as the golf course, both of which you have no authority or jurisdiction over, and your buying up the rail spurs for too much money, and which we will be paying on long after you and I are both gone.

Where does it end? Proposition "K" only goes so far and now the rebate that we received on our utility bills will be offset by another tax that is just labeled different. Let's look at what you have really accomplished besides spending of money we don't have and cozying up to the politicians on the other side of the river, who for years have made their feelings clear how they felt the citizens of West Sacramento were inferior, but now want something from us, and you are willing to sell.

Yes, let's look at the progress you made at the expense of longtime residents of West Sacramento who have put in their sweat equity long before you were born, let alone moved from Los Angeles to promote yourself in the political arena.

These are just my opinions, which have been expressed in open meetings before, and the same opinions you had muffled by the same votes that put you in office again. It is my sincere hope that this brings to light to the voters of this great city your heavy handed tactics and your obvious lack of respect for the longtime residents of West Sacramento.

JIMMIE L. MANERCHIA
West Sacramento

Please see LETTERS, page 5

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 4, 2003
File No. 2003-1014

The following person is doing business as Alegria Mexican Food, 1106 Greene Terrace, Davis CA 95616:

Armando Arbizo and Jamie Arbizo, same address as above.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/4/03.

/s/Armando & Jamie Arbizo

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County of Yolo
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Date: Nov. 7, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 4, 2003
File No. 2003-980

The following person is doing business as Brookshill Design, 18301 C.R. 78, Brooks CA 95606:

Manee Tihm Watson, PO Box 98, Brooks CA 95606.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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/s/Manee Tihm Watson

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 12, 2003
File No. 2003-1039

The following person is doing business as Bella DiMicco Hair & Nail Studio, 606 W. Cross St., Woodland CA 95695:

Paula Marie Fusaro, 1445 Westland Ranch Dr., Woodland CA 95776.

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/s/Paula Marie Fusaro

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 16, 2003
File No. 2003-953

The following person is doing business as Pete the Plumber, 152 Inner Cir., Davis CA 95616:

Earl Pete Helfreich, 152 Inner Cir., Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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/s/Earl Pete Helfrich

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Too often, travel, instead of broadening the mind, merely lengthens the conversations.

—Elizabeth Drew

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 17, 2003
File No. 2003-1057

The following person is doing business as J&S Painting, 633 Ashley Ave., Woodland CA 95695:

Jim McCall, 633 Ashley Ave., Woodland CA 95695; Scott McCall, 413 Elizabeth Way, Woodland CA 95695.

This business is conducted by Co-Partners.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11-17-03.

/s/Jim & Scott McCall

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Date: Nov. 17, 2003
by: /s/Carol Grein, Deputy Clerk

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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
Filed Oct. 31, 2003
File No. 2003-452

The following person has abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Precious Pumpkins, located at 708 Lopes Ct., Woodland CA 95776.

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Yolo County on 10-31-03.

Kathy Ramirez, 708 Lopes Ct., Woodland CA 95776; Amber Klugh, 1350 E. Oak Ave., Woodland CA 95776.

/s/Kathy Ramirez

County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Oct. 31, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 31, 2003
File No. 2003-1001

The following person is doing business as Precious Pumpkins, 708 Lopes Ct., Woodland CA 95776:

Kathy Ramirez, 708 Lopes Ct., Woodland CA 95776; Kristina Orozco, 1372 Echo Pl., Woodland CA 95776.

This business is conducted by a Limited Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10-29-03.

/s/Kathy Ramirez

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Date: Oct. 31, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 7, 2003
File No. 2003-917

The following person is doing business as United Petroleum Truck Stop, 29770 County Road 8, Dunnigan CA 95937:

Sehgal, Inc., 260 West Court St. #84, Woodland CA 95695.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10-7-03.

/s/Rakesh Sehgal, President
Sehgal, Inc.

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Date: Oct. 7, 2003
by: /s/Elizabeth Montoya, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 5, 2003
File No. 2003-1019

The following person is doing business as Co-Owners River Ranch, 3240 Industrial Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

George H. Wilson Testamentary Trust A&B, 50878 Babel Slough Road, Clarksburg, CA 95612; George David Wilson & Erma A. Wilson Revocable Family Trust, 50878 Babel Slough Road, Clarksburg, CA 95612; Patricia J. Fisher, 116 Centre, Hereford, TX 79045; Wesley J. Fisher 1993 Trust, 116 Centre, Hereford, TX 79045; Roger H. and Dorothy Anne Abley Revocable Trust, 8900 Eschinger Road, Elk Grove, CA 95758; Ness Christian Enterprises, 11051 Bruceville Road, Elk Grove CA 95758.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1-1-03. Previous fictitious business name number 96-709.

/s/Arlene Wilson

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by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 4, 2003
File No. 2003-1012

The following person is doing business as Meza Trucking, 907 Matmor Rd., Woodland CA 95776.

Jose P. Meza and Rosa Meza, same address as above.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8-03.

/s/Jose P. Meza
/s/Rosa Meza

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Date: Nov 4, 2003
by: /s/ , Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 27, 2003
File No. 2003-984

The following person is doing business as Pharmacists Coalition for the Injured Patient, 2646 Regatta Lane, Davis CA 95616:

Peter Kellison, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/1/03.

/s/Peter Kellison

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Date: Oct 27, 2003
by: /s/Sara Pfeifle, Deputy Clerk

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Take the tools in hand and carve your own best life.

—Douglas Lurton

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To find new things, take the path you took yesterday.

—John Burroughs

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A good marriage is that in which each appoints the other the guardian of his solitude, and shows him this confidence, the greatest in his power to bestow.

—Rainer Maria Rilke

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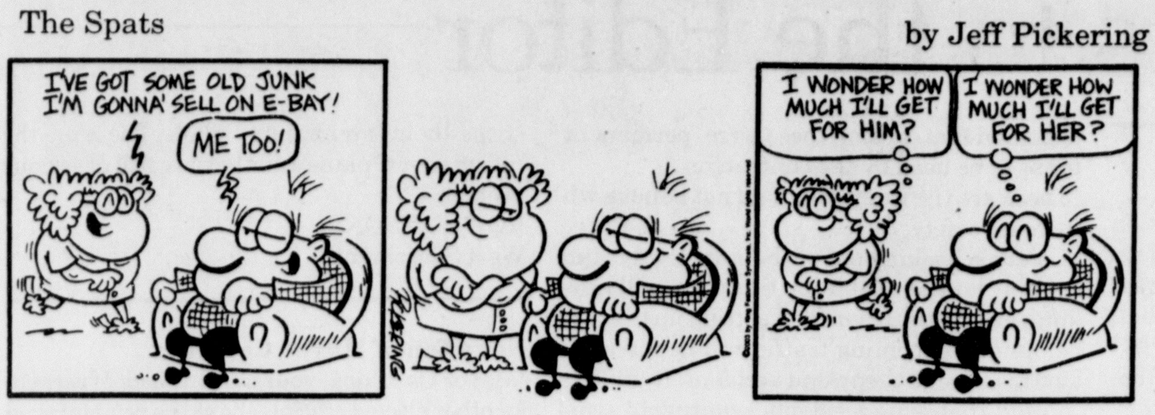
PUZZLES & COMICS

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

HI, SIS! READY TO PUT UP WITH ME FOR ANOTHER WINTER?
HENRY!! I SURE AM!
IT'LL BE NICE TO HAVE A MAN AROUND THE HOUSE AGAIN!
UH-OH...
YOU'VE BEEN WORKIN' UP A "TO-DO" LIST, AIN'T 'CHA?!!
MARLAND

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

COOL SUSPENDERS... GREAT NICKNAMES LIKE "RUSTY" AND "DROOP ALONG"... JUST BECAUSE YOU WENT TO THREE MORE YEARS OF CLOWN COLLEGE DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE BETTER THAN ME. DARN YOU, RODEO CLOWN...
CLOWN ENVY
KOPERVAS

Amber Waves

by Dave Phipps

THE MAILMAN SHOULD BE COMING ANYTIME NOW.
I LOVE THAT GUY, HE ALWAYS HAS SO MANY NICE CHRISTMAS CARDS.
OOOH, HERE COMES SOMEBODY NOW!
THE SNOWPLOW GUY I COULD DO WITHOUT.
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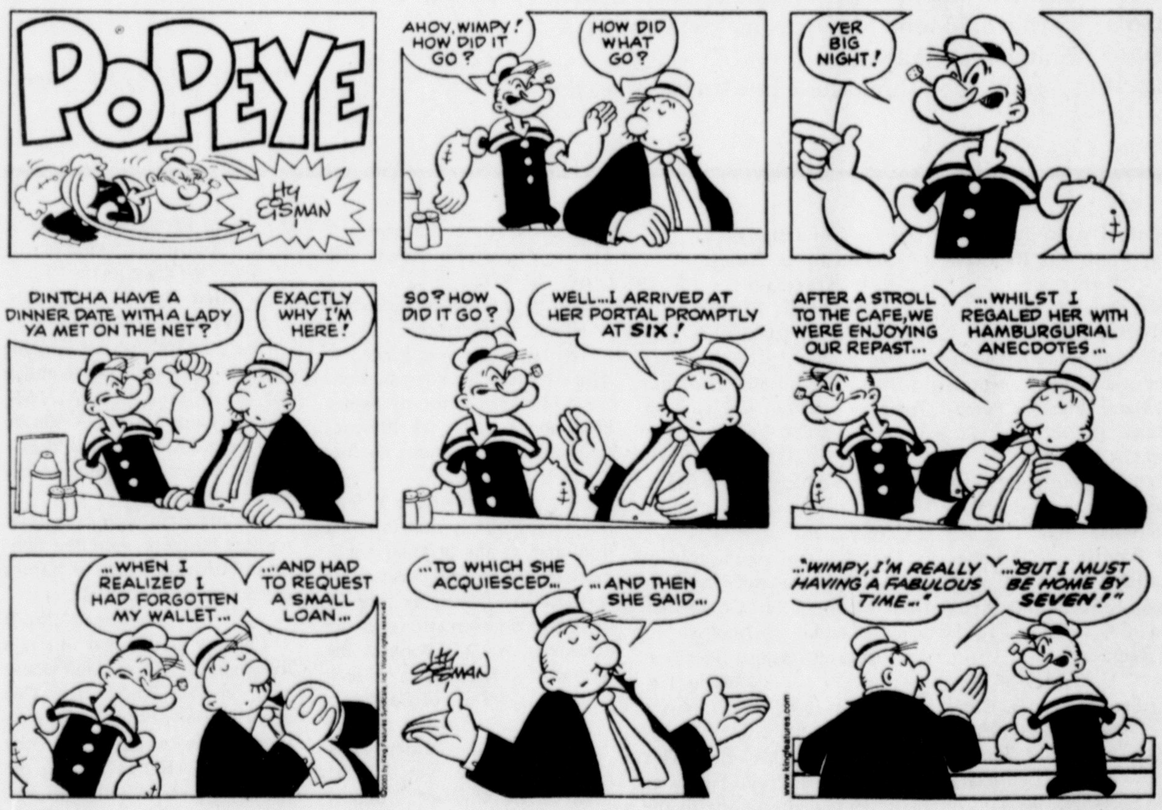

POPEYE
Hoy EISMAN
AHOY, WIMPY! HOW DID IT GO?
HOW DID WHAT GO?
YER BIG NIGHT!
DINTCHA HAVE A DINNER DATE WITH A LADY YA MET ON THE NET?
EXACTLY WHY I'M HERE!
SO? HOW DID IT GO?
WELL... I ARRIVED AT HER PORTAL PROMPTLY AT SIX!
AFTER A STROLL TO THE CAFE, WE WERE ENJOYING OUR REPAST...
...WHILST I REGALED HER WITH HAMBURGURIAL ANECDOTES...
...WHEN I REALIZED I HAD FORGOTTEN MY WALLET...
...AND HAD TO REQUEST A SMALL LOAN...
...TO WHICH SHE ACQUIESCED...
...AND THEN SHE SAID...
...WIMPY, I'M REALLY HAVING A FABULOUS TIME..."
..."BUT I MUST BE HOME BY SEVEN!"
EISMAN

Super Crossword

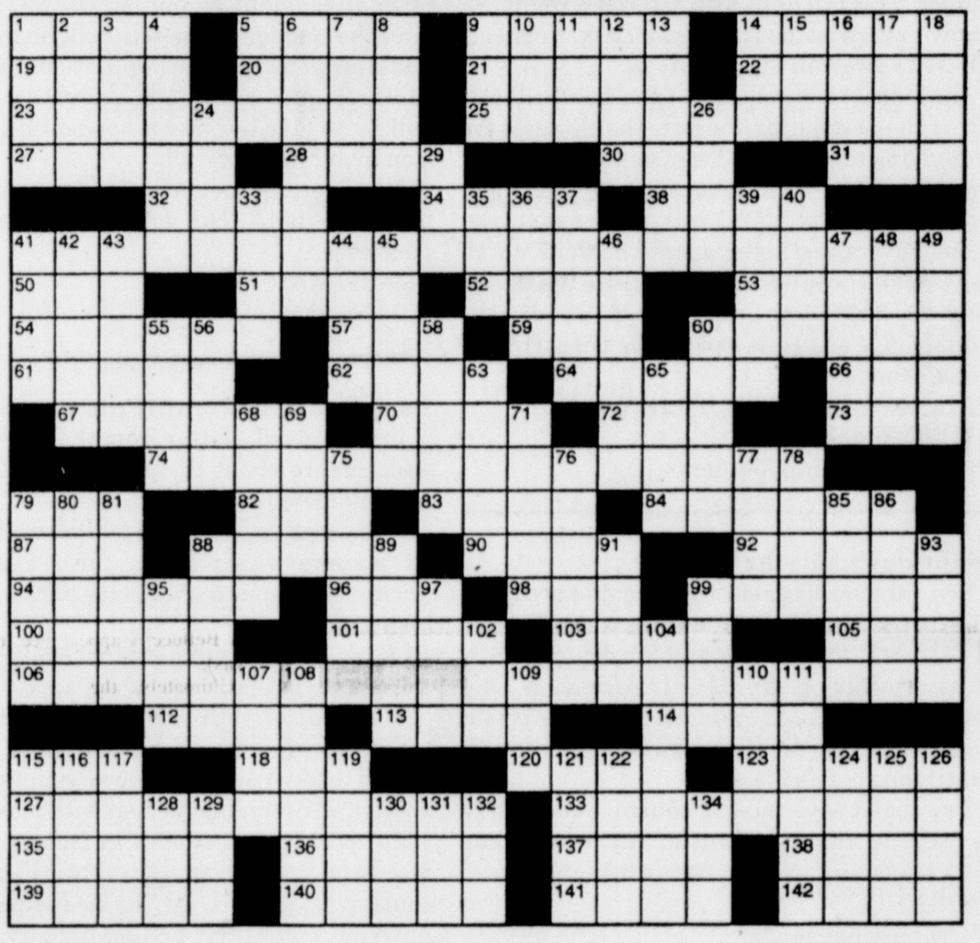
LIQUIDITY

ACROSS

1 Still
5 Little devils
9 Lost a lap
14 '83 Woody Allen film
19 — code
20 Year segment
21 Dodge
22 Beethoven dedicatee
23 Melanie Griffith movie
25 W. Somerset Maugham work
27 Check recipient
28 Marge in the fridge
30 Impresario Hurok
31 "Mal de —"
32 More than more
34 Author Martin
38 Dick Tracy's love
41 Laura Esquivel novel
50 Southern st.
51 Green bean
52 Artist Joan
53 Arrives
54 Most painful
57 Drivers' lics., e.g.
59 Bando of baseball
60 Yarn purchases
61 — drum
62 Coolidge or Gam
64 Conspires
66 Where the buoys are
67 Dachshund or dik-dik
70 Pop
72 Antipollution grp.
73 Porker's palace
74 With "The," John Irving book
79 Russian jet
82 Dogpatch's Daisy —
83 Ballet movement
84 "Dreaming of You" singer
87 Private pension
88 Insect stage
90 Canvas cover
92 Layette fasteners
94 Patriot Hale
96 Kind
98 Zilch
99 Sardou drama
100 Be nosy
101 Actress Purviance
103 Mountbatten's rank
105 Like Austin Powers
106 Jimmie Rodgers hit
112 — machine
113 Stagger
114 Loretta Young's birthplace
115 Lawyers' org.
118 "— pro nobis"
120 Certain Slav
123 Restaurateur Shor
127 "Angel of the Morning" singer
133 "No, No, Nanette" song
135 Actress Eve
136 Basketball venue
137 Valuable
138 Chiles or Nettleton
139 Baggage checkers?
140 Sociable starling
141 German river
142 — lily

DOWN

1 "Friday the 13th" setting
2 Sayao solo
3 Painter Peter
4 "You — Feel Like Dancing" ('76 hit)
5 — Jima
6 "The Consul" composer
7 Role for Rigg
8 — terrier
9 Wine word
10 Dam org.
11 Acorn, eventually
12 Poems of praise
13 Spanish explorer
14 Road to enlightenment
15 Antiquity, archaically
16 Novelist O'Flaherty
17 Tropical spot
18 Will of "The Waltons"
24 Catty remark?
26 Baldwin of "Outside Providence"
29 Lout
33 It's good in a pinch
35 Morticia, to Pugsley
36 Rainbow goddess
37 Remnant
39 White House pet
40 — gin fizz
41 Glasgow girl
42 Actress Massey
43 Designer Donna
44 Islamic ruler
45 Salad veggie
46 Shout
47 Off the mark
48 Belief
49 Lamb product
55 95 Down's real name
56 Big rig
58 Bend
60 No longer fresh
63 Man or stallion
65 Artistic output
68 Big pitcher?
69 Tragic monarch
71 Laotian native
75 Study for exams
76 More macabre
77 Or — (threat words)
78 "You — Me" ('57 hit)
79 Capital of Belarus
80 Persian, presently
81 Los —, CA
85 Ruth's mother-in-law
86 Chef's shield?
88 Stickpin locale
89 Cabinet wood
91 Realty map
93 Mean Marquis
95 "Bonanza" brother
97 Patella's place
99 Insipid
102 Dug in
104 Pie filling
107 Any time now
108 Flow
109 High rails
110 West. alliance
111 Spirals
115 Trojan War hero
116 Raymond of "Godzilla"
117 "Celeste —" (Verdi aria)
119 Crooked
121 Raison d'—
122 Authentic
124 Nebraska native
125 Baby branch
126 Mediocre
128 Dodger Ron
129 Minnesota twins?
130 Hamilton bill
131 Out — limb
132 Slangy negative
134 Service charge

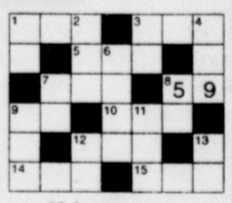


Please see answers on back page

Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, two digits have been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS

1. One-half of 6-Down
3. Five hundred more than 11-Down
5. Three less than 2-Down
7. Nine less than 15-Across
8. Five less than 1-Down
9. Twenty more than 12-Down
10. Two more than 1-Across
12. 15-Across plus 4-Down
14. Digits of 10-Across rearranged
15. Same digit repeated

DOWN

1. Ten more than 8-Down
2. Twenty less than 12-Across
3. 1-Down plus 12-Down
4. Three times 9-Across
6. 3-Across plus 14-Across
7. Two more than 13-Down
8. 9-Across plus 13-Down
9. Two times 5-Across
11. Seven times 9-Across
12. Consecutive digits in ascending order
13. Sum of the digits of 9-Down

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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...UNAWARE THAT THEIR WEAPONS HAVE BEEN TAMPERED WITH!
OUR BLASTERS ARE BARELY HAVING ANY EFFECT!
FALL BACK! I'LL KEEP YOU COVERED!
MOVE... MOVE!
RRRRRR
BRAC!
KOFF! WEAPON BACKFIRED...
MY EYES... I CAN'T SEE!
CAN'T SEEEEEE!!
THORNE!
CLICK-CLICK
MY BLASTER... IT'S JAMMED!
HE'S ALREADY GONE FLASH. IT'S TOO LATE...
TOO LATE...
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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CRITIC'S CORNER
By D.N.A Smith

"The Matrix Revolutions"

Running time: 129 minutes
MPAA rating: R

I'm giving "The Matrix Revolutions" a grade of D. D for Dog. D for Disappointment. D for Don't See It. If you felt cheated by "The Matrix Reloaded" but hoped the Wachowski Brothers would somehow tie everything together in a neat little package in the final chapter, you're in for a big letdown, Lumpy.

The Matrix series can be summed-up thusly: Take a special effect from an old GAP commercial, grind it into the ground through overuse, add a heaping helping of convoluted pop theology and season liberally with large, ambiguous plot holes. Serves several million gullible teens and 20-somethings.

The story picks up where "Reloaded" ended, with Neo (Keanu Reeves) stuck in a coma and the body of crewmate Bane possessed by the evil program, Agent Smith (Hugo Weaving). There is only 20 hours before the alien machines smash their way into Zion, the hidden settlement of the remainder of humanity that isn't enslaved to the Matrix.

The first hour of the movie grinds at a glacier's pace. Lots of exposition spoken in grave tones, slowly, attempting to convince the audience that what is being spoken is Important and Deep. It isn't. After Neo finally breaks out of his coma, things start to pick up. He realizes that now that Agent Smith can manipulate the Real World, he can use this as leverage to bargain with the machines, so he heads for Machine City to negotiate a settlement.

The machines make it to Zion, and there is a half-hour-long battle scene that packs all the emotional punch of watching your kid brother play Metroid Prime. There is also a huge final showdown between Neo and the original Agent Smith program. This was actually done very well, and one of two reasons this movie didn't get an F grade (the second reason was Monica Bellucci's appearance, brief as it was).

Ultimately, the reason "Revolutions" and "Reloaded" fail is because

Keanu Reeves to Matrix: Delete *This*.

the Wachowski Brothers betrayed the premise of the first film. "The Matrix" was an allegory about Liberation. Neo's purpose, his destiny, was to free humanity from the machines. By the end of "Revolutions," the idea of Liberation is thrown by the wayside in favor of Choice — not Free Will, mind you, but something more akin to choosing which commercial you like, Coke's or Pepsi's.

And that's the secret of the Matrix: There is no secret. Just clever marketing. And millions of people got suckered into thinking they were going to get Answers, when all they got was eye candy and fizzy, philosophical sugar water.

Grade: D

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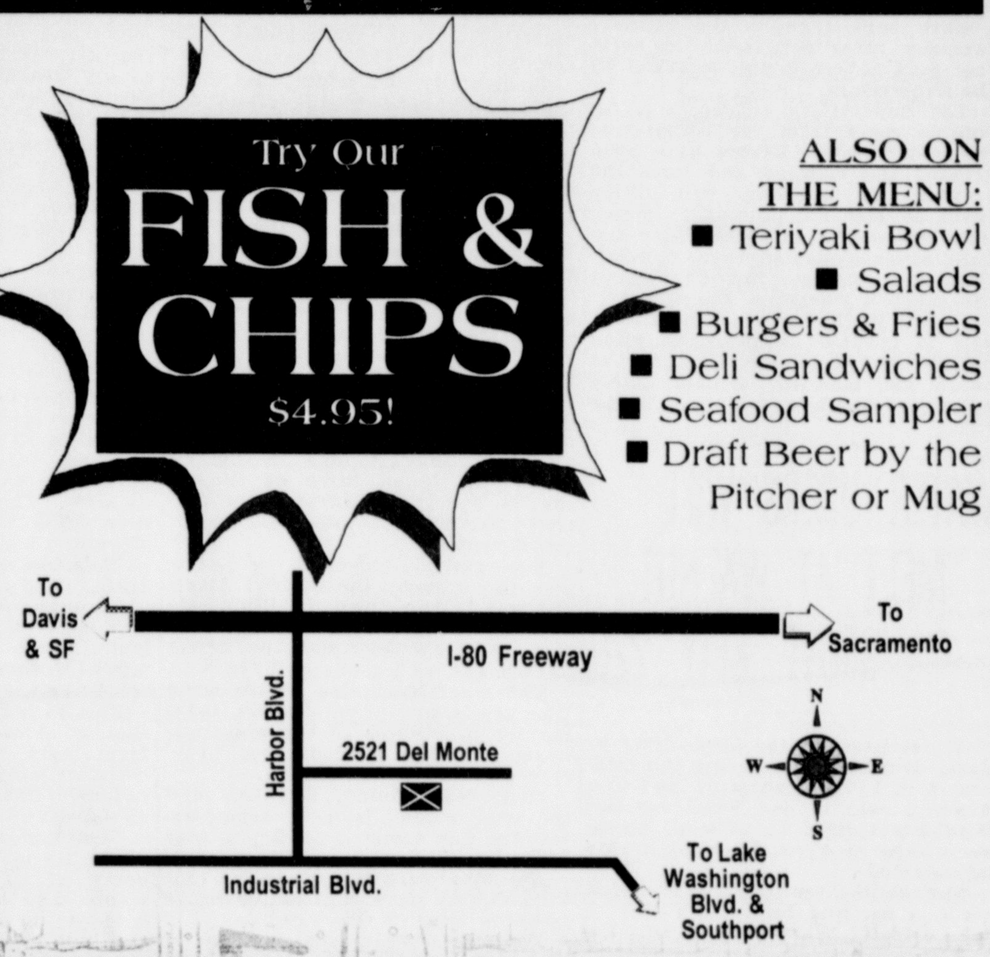

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YOUR AMERICA
by Amy Anderson

December Festivals

Even the most festival-barren towns become alight with events during December. With three major holidays, the month sports a not-surprising number of festivals, fairs and gatherings. Hometown holiday fairs are easy to find; just check your local newspaper, and you'll be sure to find a listing. Most cities hold First Nights, with fireworks at the least and full-blown midways at the most.

The most important travel you can undertake at this time of year is to gather with family. It is an especially great time to revisit old haunts if you have moved from your original hometown. The sounds and smells of the season invite reminiscing, and you'll find that twinkling lights can cast an enchanting glow, bringing back all sorts of memories of holidays past.

But let's say you are looking for something a little different. Well, there are still some fests out there that feature things not holiday-related. Here are two:

Indio International Tamale Festival, Indio, Calif.

Hold on to your guacamole on Dec. 6-7, as Indio gears up for a gastronomical get-together centered on the sweet, succulent tamale. You will find every variation imaginable, so come hungry. And when you are done eating, check out the carnival, parade and live entertainment. Best of all, the parking, admission and bands are free! Contact www.tamalefestival.org or 760-342-6532 for more details.

Red Rock Balloon Rally, Gallup, N.M.

Float away at the sight of more than 200 hot-air balloons over Red Rock State Park on Dec. 5-7 — a spectacle worthy of the many rolls of film you are sure to snap. The event features nighttime balloon glows, where the balloons are decorated to light up the sky. For more on this event, go to www.redrockballoonrally.com or call 1-800-242-4282.

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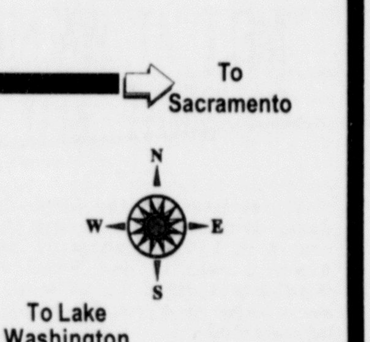
THE CHOPPING BLOCK
by Philomena Corradeno

ROAST GOOSE IS BLAST FROM CHRISTMAS PAST



This goose won't lay a golden egg for you, but what it will deliver is a tender, moist alternative to the bird that usually graces your table. While generally associated with the Old World and medieval feasts, goose is growing more popular here and now because the American goose is a bird of distinctive qualities.

Grown in a controlled environment and fed natural grains, it's a slimmed-down version of its early relatives, with less fat and a more meat-to-bone yield. Yes, there is a thin layer of fat between skin and meat, which acts like a built-in baster, keeping the meat moist and helping to crisp the skin.

American goose is available frozen year-round in weights from 6 to 16 pounds. A 16-pounder will feed 8 to 9. If you don't see it in your market, ask the butcher to order one. But impress on him that it must have the USDA Grade A Shield or you're not buying. This Shield assures you that it is a healthy bird that has met the USDA's strict quality standards.

Order at least a week in advance; pick it up 3 or 4 days before you'll roast it. It will take at least 3 days to thaw a 14 to 16 pounder in the refrigerator. Always thaw in the original wrapper.

The National Goose Council recommends now that you do not stuff the goose. Rather, bake your favorite dressing separately. You can enhance the goose's flavor by placing cut-up citrus or other fruits, or celery, fresh fennel and/or aromatic spices and herbs in the cavities. As for roasting, it couldn't be simpler.

ROASTING: Preheat oven to 400 F. Remove giblets, neck and excess fat from body cavity. Rinse bird and drain. Sprinkle cavity with salt and pepper. With sharp fork or tip of knife, pierce skin all over. This allows fat under the skin to drain and helps crisp the skin. Insert thermometer deep into inside thigh muscle without touching bone.

Place goose breast-side up on rack in shallow roast pan. Roast uncovered at 400 F for 45 minutes. Reduce heat to 325 F and continue roasting as follows:

For a 6 to 8 pounder, roast additional 1 to 1 1/2 hours; for 8 to 10 pounds roast 1 1/2 to 2 hours; 10 to 12 pounds for 2 to 2 1/2 hours; 12 to 14 pounds for 2 1/2 to 2 3/4 hours; over 14 pounds for 2 3/4 to 3 1/4 hours. Roast to an internal temperature of 185 F.

A fruity dressing, such as the Apple Sweet that follows, complements goose deliciously, and a Cumberland Sauce is an ideal accompaniment.

APPLE SWEET DRESSING

- *6 cups day-old bread cubes*
- *3 cups chopped apples*
- *1 cup raisins*
- *1/2 cup sugar*
- *1 teaspoon salt*
- *1 teaspoon cinnamon*
- *1/2 teaspoon allspice*
- *1/2 cup water*
- *1/4 cup melted fat*

In large bowl, combine bread cubes, apples and raisins. Mix sugar with salt, cinnamon and allspice; sprinkle over bread mixture and toss well. Place in baking dish. Cover with foil and bake at 325 F for 35 minutes. Uncover and bake 5 minutes or until golden and lightly crusted.

CUMBERLAND SAUCE

- *1 cup beef broth*
- *1 cup red currant jelly*
- *Slivered rind of 1 orange*
- *Juice of 1 orange*
- *Juice of 1 lemon*
- *2 teaspoons Dijon mustard*
- *1/2 teaspoon ground ginger*
- *Salt and pepper to taste*

Combine all ingredients in a 1-quart saucepan. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes. Makes about 2-3/4 cups.

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ROAD BUILDING WAITS ON RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM S. P. COMPANY

Although it was anticipated that at the May meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Yolo County, bids would be advertised for the construction of that portion of the County highway from the end of the S. P. bridge to the northern end of the Sacramento weir, no action was taken.

A right-of-way has been asked by the board from the Southern Pacific Co., on its property north of the tracks on Ann street, extending westward from the send of the S. P. bridge to 6th street, but no answer was received.

Until such time as the railroad company gives permission to build this road bids will not be asked by the Supervisors.

The Supervisors anticipate a favorable reply from tne corporation for this permit. Favors have been granted the railroad and since the property in question will likely never be used for railroad purposes, there should be no objection to the building of a road thereon, especially when the grade is raised to that of the railroad tracks on Ann street.

In all likelihood this permission will be granted by the corporation before the June meeting of the board, and bids will be immediately advetrised for the construction of the road.

WATER USERS WILL MEET AT WALNUT GROVE MAY 22D

Water users in the lower river or delta districts representing the ownership of 150,000 acres of land at a meeting held in San Francisco last Saturday decided to take all necessary steps to have the water rights adjudicated.

For the purpose of taking the legal steps, a meeting has been called to take place at Walnut Grove May 22.

The water users represented and attending the conference were told that neither the Emergency Water Conference nor the State Water Commission could do anything, and the latter was without jurisdiction in determining who had claim upon the water into the river for irrigation purposes and domestic use.

It is claimed that $54,000,000 of land is at stake and dependant on the outcome of the legal battle for water for irrigation purposes.

COURTLAND VOTED $100,000 BONDS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING

Bonds in the sum of $110,000 for the construction of a new high school buidling were voted here Saturday by 115 to 11.

A site near the present building already has been chosen for the new structure, plans for which have been drawn by Architect Foale of Sacramento.

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EMPLOYED BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND ACCOMPLISHING LITTLE, SALARY BILL RUNS OVER ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS

At the last meeting of the Board of Supervisors warrants were drawn in favor of the W. S. Jeffreys Detective Agency for services used in detecting crime throughout the county.

Incidentally it might be mentioned that most of the crime detected was in the First Supervisor District, Washington.

Three separate warrants were drawn, one for $120.82, another for $214.40, and a third for $687.89.

It will be remembered that a few weeks ago raids were conducted in the town of Washington, wherein Curtis Hoffman, who formerly operated a saloon, but now operates a soft drink parlor, was arrested. August Brietzke was arrested at the same time, and for having in his possession some wine, was fined $250.

Hoffman was discharged because no intoxicating liquors were found in his place, and although a punch board was found there he showed that he had the approval of the District Attorney for the operation of the device.

The principle object of the detectives employed by the District Attorney was to run down the illicit sale of intoxicating liquor. The only thing accomplished was the arrest of Brietzke, and a fine of $250.

The detectives also spent some time prying into private homes, looking for prostitutes to the great annoyance of the residents and property owners of Washington.

None were found, however, and the total accomplishment completed was the fine assessed on Brietzke of $250.

For this work the Supervisor sof Yolo County have paid for detective fees the sum of $1,023.11.

The Independent calls attention to this solely because the hop growers and barley growers, and grape growers of this section of Yolo County detest and abhor actions of this kind.

From their hops and barley and grapes they make a living for themselves and their families, and when they see the taxes they pay into the county treasury wasted in this manner they feel extremely sore to say the least.

These people don't want prohibition under any circumstances, not entirely because they suffer in a financial way, but because they oppose this infringement on personal liberty.

They are not slow in expressing their opinions of the county officials who deliberately waste their funds in this manner, and perhaps the only remark of significance they make is "wait till he runs again."

The merchants of Washington, what few there are, are extremely sore also. They are trying to make a living, within the law, and they have been watched and detected until sick. They despise the spy and they have little love for his employer.

They too repeat "wait till he runs again."

Throughout Yolo County hundreds of homes have paid fines for the manufacture of wine, and indeed many of those have been fined severely by the Federal Judges.

This is bad enough, but when the District Attorney separates them from more funds in his quest for petty criminals, he steps over the judgment that should belong to such an official.

Washington is peculiarly hampered by its lack of buisenss men, because of its proximity to Sacramento, and if the District Attorney succeeds in driving out those who are still left it will go far toward ruining the community.

CLAIMS ALLOWED BY SUPERVISORS

The following claims were allowed by the Board of Supervisors at the regular May meeting:

Road District No. 1.

David Cave, labor	$ 15.00
Coast Rock and Gravel Co., crushed rock	185.83
F. Childers, roadwork	58.15
Calif. Corr. Culvert Co., culverts	27.10
Davis Lumber Co., lumber..	135.60
W. H. Funk Co., signs	5.00
G. H. Gordon, roadwork	28.50
Frank Husick, repairs	8.00
D. C. Howard, roadwork	210.00
D. C. Howard, roadwork	183.75
Stuart Montgomery, rdwk...	42.00
Lee Montgomery, bridgewk	28.00
N. E. Mousen, roadwork	196.50
J. W. Mosher, crushed rock	343.75
J. W. Mosher, crushed rock	1083.50
P. G. & E. Co., gas and elec. current	90.20
G. Rivera, roadwork	102.00
Jos. B. Wallace, signs	2.50
O. B. Miller, roadwork	28.00

A dividend of $2,425,810 or $14.17 a share has been declared by the American Beet Sugar Company.

Very nearly as strong as the Standard Oil Company.

LOST!

During past week, large envelope from County Engineer's office, containing $185 in currency, between Van Deren store and Leinberger home on Third Street. Reward of $40 will be paid for return of envelope and contents to Thos. Limnel.

A Boston paper asks "Who will succeed Hiram Johnson in the United States Senate if the Senator is elected President?"

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Nov. 26, 3:20 p.m.

A trailer was reported stolen from a West Capitol Ave. rental company.

Nov. 26, 3:55 p.m.

The front license plate was reported stolen from a car parked on 3rd Street.

Nov. 26, 2:41 p.m.

An officer contacted a 39-year old Antelope man who abandoned his vehicle on Fourth Street. The man had a suspended driver's license and was arrested for being under the influence of methamphetamine. The car was searched, and 0.7 grams of methamphetamine were found under the driver's seat in a bag.

Nov. 27, 8:30 a.m.

A 1994 Acura was stolen from Tyler Way.

Nov. 27, 7:57 p.m.

An alarm went off at Golden State Middle School's cafeteria. Suspects had pried open a door and smashed a window, and had ransacked an office. A police dog team searched the location and evidence technicians processed the scene.

Nov. 28, 12:45 a.m.

An officer "took a shot in the dark" and stopped a vehicle for a vehicle code violation. The officer found that the car was stolen. The driver, an 18-year old West Sacramento man, was arrested near the I Street Bridge and Jibboom Street in Sacramento.

Nov. 29, 7 a.m.

A company that sells safes was reported burglarized, with some safes and some tools taken, possibly by an employee.

Nov. 29, 9 a.m.

Near West Capitol and Pine, a man was arrested for urinating in public.

Nov. 29, 9:30 a.m.

A female runaway juvenile from Richmond was arrested after battering a cousin in West Sacramento. She was booked into juvenile hall.

Nov. 29, 12:30 p.m.

On Douglas St., someone forced open a home's bedroom window and took a purse.

Nov. 29, 1 p.m.

An officer stopped a man for a vehicle code violation on West Capitol. The man was uncooperative and refused to sign the citation. The man was arrested and placed in a patrol car, and then began to kick the inside of the patrol car. He also spit on officers. A "WRAP" restraint was placed on him and he was jailed.

Nov. 29, 6:31 p.m.

An officer stopped a driver whose car was weaving in the roadway near Harbor Blvd. and West Capitol. The man was cited for driving under the influence and released, with a notice to appear in court, to the custody of his wife.

Nov. 29, 8:27 p.m.

On Rice Ave., an officer took a report that a witness heard four shots fired, possibly from an SUV. Neither a victim nor the suspect vehicle was located.

Nov. 30, 10:50 p.m.

A 31-year old transient man was found passed out in a field on C Street, as cold nighttime temperatures approached. The man was booked for being unable to take care of himself.

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1. **The Matrix Revolutions** .....(R)
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Joaquin Phoenix, Rick Moranis
4. **Scary Movie 3** .....(PG-13)
Anna Faris, Charlie Sheen
5. **Radio** .....(PG)
Cuba Gooding Jr., Ed Harris
6. **Love Actually** .....(R)
Hugh Grant, Alan Rickman
7. **Mystic River** .....(R)
Laura Linney, Sean Penn
8. **The Texas Chainsaw Massacre** .....(R)
Jessica Biel, Eric Balfour
9. **Runaway Jury** .....(PG-13)
John Cusack, Gene Hackman
10. **School of Rock** .....(PG-13)

NOTICE OF HEARING
DECEMBER 18, 2003

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider the following matters on Thursday December 18, 2003, at the West Sacramento Civic Center, Council Chambers, 1110 West Sacramento, California, at the times as specified or as soon thereafter as the matters may be heard:

6:00 p.m.
Zoning Administrator (ZA) Actions
Item #1
None
Regular Agenda
Item #2
Bridgeway Lakes II General Plan Amendment, Southport Framework Plan Amendment, Zone Change, and Vesting Subdivision Map 4620

This item is a request to amend the General Plan, Southport Framework Plan, and Zoning Map to reconfigure land uses in the Southwest Village of Southport, east of Bridgeway Lakes One. The project includes modifying the circulation element of the General Plan to relocate the future intersection of Southport Parkway and Jefferson Boulevard approximately 1,700 feet south of Bevan Road. The project includes a request to subdivide 125 acres into 487 single family lots and a detention pond. The project is located on an approximate 138.4-acre site located south of Marshall Road, north of Burrows Road, west of Jefferson Boulevard, and east of the deep water ship channel. A Negative Declaration has been filed on the project. OWNER/APPLICANT: ASB Properties, 1107 Kentucky St., Fairfield CA 94533. (RVB)

Item #3
SFPP Pipeline Conditional Use Permit (CUP 03-06)

This item is a request for a Conditional Use Permit for a Major Impact Service and Utility. The project consists of a 20-inch petroleum products pipeline to be constructed underground on private property, in the City right-of-way and on lands of the Port of Sacramento. The pipeline right of way would enter the City near West Capitol Avenue at the western city limit, then generally head southerly along Enterprise Boulevard easterly on Industrial Boulevard, to the Port of Sacramento, and northerly along South River Road north of the Deep Water Ship Channel. The State Lands Commission as lead agency has adopted an Environmental Impact Report on the project. APPLICANT: SFPP, L.P., 1100 Town and Country Road, Orange, CA 92868. (DT)

/s/ for Stephen M. Patek, Director
Community Development Department

If you challenge any of the above items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of West Sacramento at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Dec 3

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 6, 2003
File No. 2003-1023

The following person is doing business as Christopher Hollow Partners, 630 2nd St., Davis CA 95616:

Steve Boschken, same address.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/1/03.

/s/Steve Boschken, General Partner

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Nov. 6, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 27, 2003
File No. 2003-980

The following person is doing business as Manna Korean Japanese Cuisine, 622 3rd St., Davis CA 95616:

Grace M. Ahn and Lana M. Ahn, 1713 Arena Dr., Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/27/03.

/s/Grace M. Ahn
/s/Lana M. Ahn

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on December 10, 2003 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the following. The hearing will be held in the council chambers at the Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. Interested persons are invited to attend. In compliance with the ADA, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at 617-4500. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting. City hall is handicapped accessible.

1. Abandonment of a right-of-way (pursuant to Resolution 03-113) at Eighth Street & F Street . A map showing the portion to be vacated is on file at the office of the City Clerk, 1110. W. Capitol Avenue, 3rd Floor and is available for public inspection during normal business hours.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 7, 2003
File No. 2003-916

The following person is doing business as 866DEBT CUT, 3329 Bonaire Rd.:

Jason Cheng, 3329 Bonaire Rd., West Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 9/1/03.

/s/Jason Cheng

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• On **Dec. 2, 1823,** President James Monroe proclaims a new U.S. foreign-policy initiative that becomes known as the "Monroe Doctrine." It forbade European interference in the American hemisphere but also asserted U.S. neutrality in regard to future European conflicts.

• On **Dec. 6, 1907,** in West Virginia's Marion County, 361 coal miners are killed in an explosion in a network of mines owned by the Fairmont Coal Company. In ensuing decades, labor unions and sympathetic legislators forced safety regulations that brought a steady decline in death rates in West Virginia and elsewhere.

• On **Dec. 7, 1925,** future Tarzan actor Johnny Weissmuller sets the world record for the 150-yard freestyle swim. Weissmuller would go on to win five gold medals in the 1928 Olympics.

• On **Dec. 5, 1933,** the 21st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is ratified, repealing the 18th Amendment and bringing an end to the era of national prohibition of alcohol in America.

• On **Dec. 1, 1934,** Sergey Kirov, a leader of the Russian Revolution and a high-ranking member of the Politburo, is shot to death at his Leningrad office by Communist Party member Leonid Nikolayev, likely at the instigation of Soviet leader Joseph Stalin.

• On **Dec. 3, 1967,** in Cape Town, South Africa, 53-year-old grocer Lewis Washkansky receives the first human heart transplant. Although the heart functioned normally, drugs administered to keep his body from rejecting the heart also left him susceptible to illness, and he died from double pneumonia 18 days later.

• On **Dec. 4, 1992,** President George H. Bush orders 28,000 U.S. troops to Somalia, a war-torn East African nation where rival warlords were preventing the distribution of humanitarian aid to thousands of starving Somalis.

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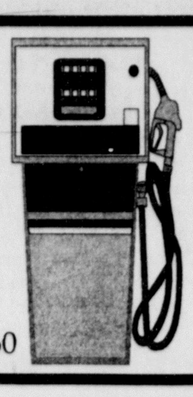

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West Sacramento Little League is holding online registration for the 2004 season. Interested parents may visit www.WESTSACLL.com to register. For more information, call Rick Hart, (916) 417-8406, or email him at Rick@sierrahart.net.

Preschool

Discovery Preschool, the newest preschool in West Sacramento, will take registration beginning Dec. 8 for the session beginning in January. The preschool includes an educational program with certified teachers and new equipment and supplies. Open to kids age 3-5; all students must be potty trained. Call 617-4620.

Gifts of food

The city parks department is offering a class on "Holiday Food Gifts From Your Home" on Dec. 6. Included will be white peppermint bark, cashew bark, hot cocoa mocha mix, biscotti and other items. Pre-registration is necessary. Call 617-4620.

Christmas party

The Bryte Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars post will host a Christmas party for children at 2 p.m. on Dec. 14. Kids 10 and under are invited. There will be a clown, refreshments, gifts, and a visit with Santa. 1708 Lisbon Ave., West Sacramento. Call 371-9126.

Tree lighting

West Sacramento's city "holiday tree" will be lit up in a ceremony from 6-7:30 p.m. on Dec. 5 at the West Sacramento Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Avenue. Hot apple cider, cookies, music and pictures with Santa. Sponsors include the Port of Sacramento, West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce and the city parks department.

Christmas baskets

The West Sacramento Christmas Basket Project, in which donors and volunteers provide holiday food baskets to the needy, will accept signups from people who wish to receive baskets through Dec. 14. Signups will be accepted 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays and 1-3 p.m. Sundays. On Sundays, signups will be accepted at Holy Cross Church, 1321 Anna Street. On other days, go to the Center for Information on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse on the premises of Community Lutheran Church. Bring proof of residency (rent receipt/utility bill), driver's license or ID, proof of income and social security card. Food distribution will be Sat. & Sun., Dec. 20-21. Call Carol, 372-3360, or Ardis, 373-5819, for information. A toy distribution will also be made, for parents of kids 12 and under, on Dec. 22.

Craft faire

Our Lady of Grace School will host its annual Christmas Craft Faire on Sat., Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1990 Linden Road. A $2 hot dog lunch will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. To rent table space for your wares, call 371-9416.

Raise Dickens

"Dickens in the Valley," a holiday home tour presented by Friends of Meals on Wheels, will return Sat., Dec. 6, as a fundraiser to benefit the meal program for homebound seniors. There will be a tour of at least six beautiful Woodland homes dressed up in holiday splendor. Tickets are $25. Call (530) 662-7035.

Coats wanted

Donations of new or gently-used coats and socks are needed to help needy children in the area. Call the Volunteer Connection, a "Hands Together Program," at (530) 661-6636 to find a donation location near you.

Teen center

You're invited to an open house to check out the progress at the Collings West Sacramento Teen Center, 1541 Merkley Avenue (near the post office). Drop in from 3-5 p.m. on Dec. 16, 17 or 18. Meet center director Dave Dove, "hear the vision" and have some refreshments. Please park in the rear.

Basketball

Signups are being accepted for the city parks department's youth basketball league, called the Jr. NBA and Jr. WNBA. Games are played weekends, with weekday practices. Age categories from 5-13. $45 per player includes jersey and award. Entry deadline is Dec. 5. Player evaluation is scheduled for Dec. 6 at Golden State Middle School, and all players and coaches must attend. Volunteer coaches are needed. Call 617-4620.

Westfield alums

Former students or colleagues of Robert F. Clark, or those who attended Westfield Elementary while he was principal, are invited to send 80th birthday wishes for inclusion in a memory book being compiled by his family. Send your favorite memories or photos to Anita Russell, 2884 Canvasback Way, West Sacramento CA 95691, or email steveneetie@hotmail.com by Jan. 1.

Casino trip

The West Sacramento Senior Center is planning a trip to Feather Falls Casino on Tues., Dec. 16. Departure will be at 8 a.m. with a return at 3 p.m. The fee is $14 with $10 cash back at the casino. Call the West Sacramento Parks and Community Services Dept., 373-5819.

Golden Years

The Golden Years Club of West Sacramento will host a pot luck dinner at the VFW Hall, 905 Drever St., on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 6 p.m. Please bring your own service. The club serves those age 50 and up. For membership information, call 371-8479 or 371-8126.

Gang prevention

The West Sacramento Police Department and River City High School Parent Club will sponsor a "gang prevention parent forum" at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 9 at the school library. Although no translators will be available at this meeting, future workshops will be held in Russian and in Spanish. For information, call 616-5001.

Democrats

The West Sacramento Democratic Club will hold its annual holiday dinner on Tues., Dec. 16, from 6-8 p.m. at Vince's Italian Restaurant, 840 Harbor Blvd., West Sacramento. Tickets are $22, with RSVP required by Dec. 7 to Katie Villegas, 375-1132 or katievillegas@charter.net.

Snow chain info

Caltrans has set up a new web site to provide motorists with late information on chain control requirements in the northern Sierra. Visit www.dot.ca.gov/dist3/ and click on "current chain control."

Interfaith

The West Sacramento Interfaith Group will have a brown bag lunch at noon on Friday, Dec. 5, at the Center for Spiritual Awareness, 1020 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. For information, call 371-8804.

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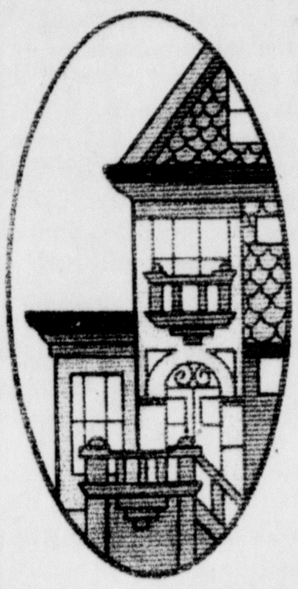

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Answers to Sports Quiz (p. 3) & Puzzles (p. 8)

Answers

1. The Brooklyn Dodgers scored 15 runs in an inning in 1952 against Cincinnati.
2. Tommy Greene in 1991 against Montreal.
3. Lydell Ross of Ohio State ran for 124 yards against Indiana in 2001 when he was 17.
4. Darrell Armstrong of Orlando in 1998-99.
5. Peter Forsberg of Colorado with 77.
6. Krisztina Egerszegi of Hungary in the 200 meter backstroke in 1988. She was 14 years old.
7. He won the 1997 Nissan Open.

Rational Numbers *answers*

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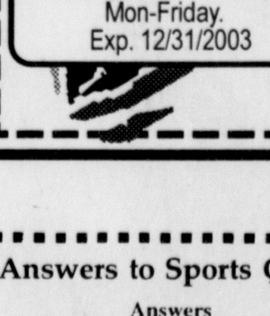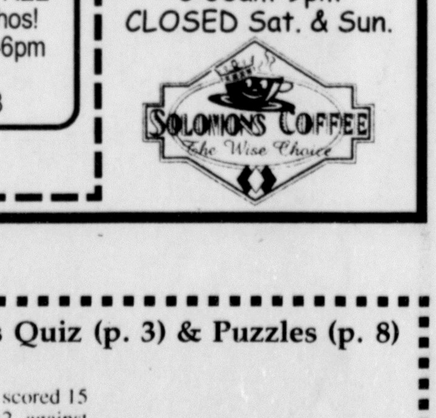
Differences: 1. Boy's hat is gone. 2. Knapsack is different. 3. Tree has leaves. 4. Man's hat is different. 5. Tire is black. 6. Billboard is gone.